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For: FLUID DYNAMIC BEARING CONFIGURED
WITH AN ORBITAL RING FOR HIGHER
EFFICIENCY

Examiner: L. Footland

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 13, 2005 (Paper No. 043005), for which a response was due on August 13, 2005. Filed herewith is a request and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the date for which a response is due until September 13, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.